

### REMARKS

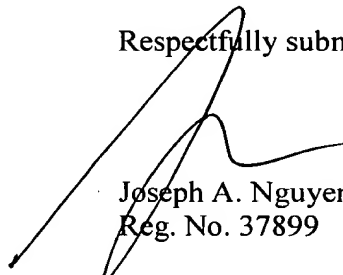
Applicant here submits new claims 15-37. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable over the cited references. In particular, Applicant submits that these new claims are patentable over the references because the claimed invention discloses at least three features in the manner claimed not taught in any single cited reference, nor suggested by any combination of cited references. These include, for example:

- (a) a plunger shaft
- (b) a hanger adapter lip portion fixed only to the top ring, and,
- (c) a separate stepped hanger structure only coupled to the top ring, and from which a set of lower rings may be supported.

### Conclusion

In view of the discussion herein, Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at 408-257-5500.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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